

# BROOKLYN NEWS.

**TIMES NOT HARD FOR HIM.**  
A Long Island City Official Who Draws Three Salaries.

**William E. Stewart's "Snap" the Envy of Other Sanforites.**

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Jan. 12.—Some people in this city are dissatisfied because some other people are filling two or more official positions and drawing salaries for each. A particular object of the envy is Corporation Counsel William E. Stewart, who holds three different positions and receives a salary for each. Mr. Stewart is Attorney and Counsel to the Corporation, Counsel for the General Improvement Commission and Attorney for the Police Board.

The salary for the Corporation Counsel is \$2,500. The Police Board is credited on the books of the City Treasurer with paying its counsel \$500, while \$1,000 is appropriated by the General Improvement Commission as a salary for its legal adviser.

Mr. Stewart has enjoyed the three salaries since January, 1893. There are other good men who say that their services in behalf of the city have not been recognized, and they would like one of Mr. Stewart's three jobs. They say the city charter distinctly states that every appointee to the office of Corporation Counsel of Long Island City must be an elector and resident of that city.

These malcontents claim that Mr. Stewart was a resident of New York at the time he received the appointment of Corporation Counsel of Long Island City, and that he had not yet moved to Long Island City when he was appointed.

Mr. Stewart subsequently received from Mayor Sanford the appointment to the two other positions. He is now holding all three. Mr. Stewart appears to have incurred the enmity of Alderman John Adamson, who is a Sanforite, and he took his seat as Alderman from the Second Ward on the 1st of January.

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**BOODY AND ALDERMEN SUE.**  
John Adamson Wants Street Railway Franchises Declared Void.

**Claims They Were Illegally Granted to Politicians.**

The argument on a demurrer in the suit of John Adamson, a wealthy property owner, against ex-Mayor Boody, M. J. Coffey and other Aldermen and the Nassau and Kings County Electric Railroad companies is on the ground that the franchises were granted to them by the Board of Aldermen in violation of the law.

Adamson asked the Court for an order directing that the Nassau and Kings County Electric Railroad Companies be enjoined from building their roads, and that the franchises granted to them by the Board of Aldermen be declared null and void.

These companies are composed mostly of politicians. The Aldermen gave them franchises which covered twenty-five miles of streets in Brooklyn at the rate of \$100 per mile.

Adamson claims that the grants were made without giving the usual notice to other bidders.

James E. Church, counsel for the defendants, demurred to the complaint. His principal argument is that the Kings County and Nassau Electric Railroad companies are not duly organized under the laws of the State, and that the subject matter set up in the complaint is not a legal one.

He says that if actions should have been brought at all they should have been brought separately. He says that the companies are not duly organized and that the franchises are not valid.

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**Howenstein is Charged by His Wife with Abandonment.**

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The couple were married twelve years ago, and have one child. Ten years ago they had a misunderstanding over money. The husband said that it was his wife's fault.

They have not lived together since, and the husband stated that he supported her until he was thrown out of work.

Sue had him arrested three times, and each time he was let out on his own recognizance.

Justice Koch ordered him to pay her \$500 a week. He was unable to furnish bonds and was locked up.

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**Broker Gregory Sues Partner Ballou on an Old Deal.**

Justice Cullen, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning heard evidence in the suit of Charles Gregory, a secure one-half of a trust fund in the hands of Maturin Ballou.

In 1890 the firm of Gregory, Ballou & Co., stock brokers at 1 New street, New York, made a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors.

The nominal assets were about \$100,000. Subsequently, Assignee Herbert E. Dickson testified.

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**BEATEN WHILE IN DISGUISE.**  
Policeman Gorman Has a Hard Fight with a Gang.

**He Was Seeking Evidence Against a Policy Shop.**

Policeman Thomas Gorman, of the Second Precinct, appeared before Justice Walsh, in the Adams Street Police Court, Brooklyn, this morning, in a badly used up condition.

Both eyes were black and blue, his nose was swollen and there were several abrasions on his face, the result of a hard fight with a gang of toughs.

He had for a prisoner Richard Butler, an alleged policy dealer, of 143 Prospect street, who was charged with assault.

Gorman is known to his fellow officers as "Vidocq" because when a policy shop is to be raided he is selected to disguise himself and collect the necessary evidence. Yesterday Gorman disguised himself as a snow shoveler.

He wore an old pair of trousers and an old coat which was ripped up the back and torn at the sides. He had on a red shirt and a dilapidated pair of shoes.

An old battered hat and a shawl completed his outfit.

In this attire Gorman started out to get evidence against a suspected "policy" shop, which was said to be located in the rear of a cigar store at 143 Prospect street.

There was a gang of toughs in the saloon, and Gorman persuaded them to go in next door.

At 6:15 Gorman visited the policy shop, and was told by Richard Butler, who was behind the counter, to call at 8 o'clock, as the drawing had not yet taken place.

"Well," said Gorman, "then I would like to change the slip."

This annoyed Butler, Gorman says, and he jumped from behind the counter, hitting the policeman in the eye.

Another officer, who was with Gorman, then called the gang from the saloon to help him.

The gang backed off to a stone wall, all the time trying to ward off the blows of the gang, which were being showered upon him.

Finally he caught Butler by the throat, and throwing open his coat, placed his revolver in his hand.

With drawn revolver the officer backed up for two blocks, keeping the gang at bay until he was near the station, when the crowd was forced to retreat.

Mr. Gorman will be relieved from duty for a few days.

**TO CONFER WITH THE MAYOR**

**A Committee Hopes to Change His Views on Amateur Athletics.**

The Brooklyn Athletic Club, which has its headquarters at 374 Bedford avenue, Williamsburg, is taking steps towards bringing the matter of amateur athletics squarely before Mayor Scherren.

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